GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:572
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
IDENTIFICATION DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST RELIGIOUS PLACES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several important tourist/religious places are lacking in infrastructurefacilities and are being neglected from tourism point of view, especially in Adivasi, Backward and Scheduled Castes dominated areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken both by the Union and the State Governments in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the names of tourist/religious places identified for development during each year of the Ninth Five Year Plan and proposed for 2001-02, State-wise;

(d) the funds allocated and sanctioned both by the Union and State Governments for their development during the said period, separately, State-wise and place-wise;

(e) whether the Government have any monitoring agency to look into the proper utilisation of funds and proper maintenance of tourist/religious places in different States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of Sabha.

STATEMENT IN RESTPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.572 ANSWERED ON 26.04.2001 REGAF IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST/RELIGIOUS PLACES.

(c) & (b) : Development of Tourist/Religious Places is mainly undertaken by State Governments/UT Administrations in their respective States. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides Central financial assistance to them every year in consultation with them to strengthen their efforts to upgrade infrastructure facilities at tourist places including the places falling in Adivasi, Backward and Scheduled Castes dominated areas.

(c) : Department of Tourism,Government of India has identified 21 Travel circuits and 60 pilgrim centres in the country in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourist infrastructure.

(d): A Statement showing Central financial assistance sanctioned by the Department of Tourism, Government of India to the various States and UT Administrations for development of Tourism during first four years of Ninth Plan is annexed.

(e) and (f) : In order to monitor the progress of the projects, a Monitoring Committee consisting of the Regional Directors/Directors of Government of India Tourist Offices and State Governments has been set up to oversee speedy implementation of the projects. The maintenance of the tourist/religious places is undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations.